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Editors' Table.

WE, the new board of editors of the UNDERGRADUATE, while having the usual misgivings as to the results of our work, nevertheless realize that it is a task which should call forth our best and most earnest efforts, and are anxious that the UNDERGADUATE shall keep its rank with other college publications.

It will aim to be, first of all, a college *newspaper*, giving such news notes about college and town as are thought to be of interest to its readers. We consider the alumni column one of the important departments, because it gives news of interest to the majority of our subscribers, and shall try to make it as complete as possible.

The literary columns will be occupied by the best productions the college affords and will be conducted with a view to giving our alumni and the college world in general some idea of what is being done at Middlebury in the literary line. The exchanges will be carefully looked over and general college news and comment will be either mentioned or reprinted.

We hope for the hearty co-operation of students and faculty; and if such be secured, there seems to be no reason why the UNDERGRADUATE should not faithfully represent college interests and merit.

THE class of '98 a short time ago in their rhetorical work wrote articles on how a college paper should be conducted, and they all, especially the young ladies, seemed to agree that it should be supported by the students as a whole. We all agree with the class, and therefore we wish to suggest that all do support it, especially by attending the meetings of the Undergraduate Association. All students who are subscribers and whose subscriptions are paid up to date are members of the Undergraduate Association; and yet only two of all the young ladies in college attended the regular association meeting for the election of officers. Their excuse could not have been lack of time, for the meeting took only fifteen minutes, and the various reasons rendered all pointed to lack of interest in how it was run. Yet why should not the young ladies take an active part in the UNDERGRADUATE and make it in reality a college paper, supported by every one of the students?

AS has been said elsewhere, we think the Alumni Department one of the most important and interesting. To make it what it should be we need the help of every alumnus. The UNDERGRADUATE has received many communications and personals, for which it is duly thankful, yet many more might be printed, and we are confident that they would add much to the value of the paper.

On the principle that what interests one alumnus would interest another, we think that these notes must form the most attractive part of a number and shall take special care that they are printed complete.

Graduates of Middlebury, will you not take hold of this matter with more vigor than ever before and assist us in making up an ideal alumni column? Perhaps what you know concerning the doings and whereabouts of Middlebury men has not reached us all, and why is the UNDERGRADUATE not the best medium of communicating it to us?

In return for such favors we shall be only too glad to give you all possible information concerning the prosperity of your alma mater, and we trust the exchange will be for our mutual benefit.

Literary.

AN AWAKENING.

There's a gay robin up in the old maple tree,
He's as handsome and bright as a bird can be;
I lean from my window to hear him sing,
How the sweet music thrills me—'tis spring, 'tis spring!

On the deep rushing river the ice is afloat,
It threatens and shivers my venturesome boat,
But undaunted, the silvery catkins I bring
From the steep bank above me—'tis spring, 'tis spring!

The south wind comes silently over the sea,
Laden with signs of the glory to be,
Tiny buds close together bend low where they cling,
As the gentle breeze whispers, Awake! it is spring.

A sprite rules in cloudland, her mischievous wiles
Fill the blue sky above us with tears and with smiles,
But we hear 'neath the rain-drops the lily bells ring,
And the sprite is forgiven—'tis spring, 'tis spring!

There's new life on the earth, in the sea, in the air,
A stranger comes strewing strange charms everywhere,
O'er the brown earth a magical mantel she'll fling.
Enchantress, we welcome thee! Spring, fair spring.

THE VISION OF '98.

[In the March issue of the UNDERGRADUATE there appeared a piece entitled, "A Trip to the Land of Nod." It was signed "Pensive '98." It cannot be understood why one of that glorious company should be pensive, and it can only be attributed to the examinations which were then hanging like a thundercloud directly over their heads, looking so threatening that each and all were glad to take refuge in the safest retreat, such as Collar's Shorter Eysenbach and Allen and Greenough's Latin Grammar. The feelings of '98 since this terrible ordeal is over are somewhat described by the following]:

It was a beautiful and joyful day in spring. The coming flowers seemed already sending forth a delicious fragrance. The distant hills looked up in glad thanksgiving and praise to heaven, while they in turn gazed down upon the landscape with such a broad and beaming smile that the earth was almost transported for joy to the verdancy of early summer. All nature seemed to have conspired together for a perfect day.

It was quite early in the morning when '98 awoke. His first thought was that he must have feasted on feathers the night before, for he felt so light, or rather he missed that feeling which had been his sleeping and waking companion for the last week, as if he had swallowed half a dozen flat-irons by mistake, and one of them was continually midway between stomach and throat trying to have revenge. Then he felt certain one of the houses near must be on fire, for what meant the radiance which was everywhere spread? The last few days, particularly the day of the German examination, had been cold and dark and dreary. The only bright spot to be found had been between the questions and on the margin of the examination paper.

His curiosity led him to the window, and there he saw more glories still. The sun was not yet up, but ever and anon it flashed forth a brilliant beam of light over the hill tops, just to show, in a dim way, what its full glory would be like. Stern necessity did not compel him to rise at that early hour to study, yet a stronger, pleasanter force induced him "to go out and list to nature's teaching." An observant person might have understood from his look of calm and peace that he, at least, had not learned the verb flunks in the principal parts which are most appropriate to be given, that is flunko, reprehendi, conditionum. So the hours of the day wore on; eating or sleeping '98 was at peace. Occasionally Old Hundred or the Doxology would rise to his lips, and then and there his spirit would find utterance in song.

At evening, as he was sitting by the window, there came from somewhere a gentle tapping, while a quiet voice said, "What one thing do you need to fill your cup of joy to overflowing, O happy '98?" Quickly he answered as one who has not a doubt as to the wisdom of his choice, "The assurance that there is no condition as to my future success and happiness. That one thing do I need and then I remain among the most light-hearted at Old Midd." "Your choice is wise, and willing do I grant it. Make use of the wings which have been given you for this purpose," said the voice. Wonderingly he obeyed and floated after his guide to unknown regions.

He could not count the miles passed over, but spent his time most devoutly wishing that he could in the same way pass from earthly cares and anxieties on some Friday afternoons. Very soon he reached a hill-

top, and there the guide stopped. '98 then went into a small hermitage near and was shown a large book sealed with many seals of gold. He glanced therein and beheld with joy his name and the names of his classmates, as those who would not be looked at with distrust. But, what, did his eyes deceive him? Far down the page was written, "Honor to '98, especially in German." Then, indeed, was his joy complete.

He passed out of the hut and gazed about him. Again that voice of magic sweetness greeted him, saying, "Gaze far off over yon hill tops. All that your eye rests upon is given to you and your posterity forever." He was lost in wonderment, for here he saw a vast amount of territory stretching out before him, countries, cities and people. Mechanically he repeated, "For us and our posterity forever. Can it be? Is our future success already so assured?" O the transports of happiness which came to him! His guide told him again to look at the mist rising in the west. Here he saw books, books everywhere. Books large and books small, open and closed. Here lying in confused heaps and there neatly arranged. He sighed, for he thought their contents were to be acquired by hard work, and well he knew what this meant, but his guide informed him that all the knowledge here contained would come by intuition and dwell in him and his posterity forever. This was the last straw of joy; he fainted. The busy little air sprites soon brought him to, and the voice told him that he had intended to disclose many other things, but he saw it would not be for the best. Time alone must reveal them.

Again he lifted his wings and sailed in that delightful, mysterious fashion towards his home. He must needs stop, though, on the way and receive congraulations of the various peoples inhabiting the air. They all seemed to rejoice with him as sincerely as he knew his immediate home friends would.

Soon he found himself in the room which he had only lately left, but how much had happened in that short time. Although it was midnight, he began to sing,

"Happy we, O happy we, O happy we,
Sing a round with joyful sound,
Happy, happy we."

JOYOUS '98.

A REVIEW OF THE MARCH HARPER'S, WITH INCIDENTAL GLIMPSES OF LIFE AMONG THE FOUR HUNDRED.

Seated in an elegant drawing-room, beholding the last rays of the setting sun, Elise suddenly arises and laying a magazine on the table says to her mother, "You should read that number of the Harper's". "Why, is there anything in it specially interesting?" To which Elise replies that it is all quite so, and then remembering that she has an engagement for the evening, leaves the room.

Her mother, arising from her divan where she has just finished "Trilby", finds that she has some time before dinner, whereupon she presses the electric button, and picking the magazine up from the table proceeds to see what of interest it contains that should have caused her daughter to make the remark.

Being quite a literary woman, she first outlines the magazine, I know not whether from force of habit or because in her younger days she was compelled to make outlines on different subjects. Anyway she seeks first the descriptive articles, and finds upon reading the one on "Fox Hunting in the United States" that she almost wishes she were one of the party, so vivid an idea does it give her of the pleasures to be derived from that pastime. Turning on and being somewhat interested in art, she reads the article on "An American Academy at Rome", and, having finished it, fully agrees with its author.

The descriptive part is now completed, and, the servant announcing that dinner is served, she lays the book aside. She intends to take it up after dinner, but on account of a theater party to which she has been invited by Mrs. Pierre Lorillard she is unable to seek its pages until the next afternoon.

Again she enters the drawing-room immediately after the noon lunch. Taking the magazine and calling the servant, she bids her state to all callers that she is occupied for the afternoon. As she has read the descriptive articles, she now turns to fiction. Reading "A Californian", she is particularly impressed with the story and thoughtfully wonders if her daughter will have to act the same part as the *fin de siecle* heroine.

Just then the servant announces Mrs. S. Van Rensselaer Cruger. She is unable to refuse her and bids the servant show her in, low muttering "such a bore." As Mrs. Cruger enters, she arises and bestows that loving society kiss which I will not attempt to illustrate. Being seated, they spend all their time talking about who would be invited to the Gould-Castellane wedding and how the bride would be dressed.

Tea being served, Mrs. Cruger takes her leave after another of those loving society embraces.

"Now I shall not have time to finish this before dinner, but shall certainly take it up directly after", so she employs her time till then in other ways. The meal being ended, she again gets the magazine, and going to her boudoir begins where she had left off in fiction. Always interested in the works of Richard Harding Davis, she reads "The Princess Aline", although she has not read the preceding chapters. She is so interested in the conclusion that she resolves to read them at the earliest opportunity.

She has now finished what she considers most important of the fiction and proceeds to see what there is of historical importance. An article on "The Literary Land-marks of Jerusalem" brings out many new points of interest to her and she resolves that next winter she and her daughter must take that trip to the Holy Land. The prose finished, next comes the poetry, by which she is not much impressed till she reaches the sonnets entitled "Society". As she is a society leader, she certainly must read this. Her criticism is not favorable; although the poem is from the pen of W. D. Howells, she thinks it does not do justice to her and her allies. Most people generally look at the illustrations first, but not so with her. She now goes through the magazine again, commenting on the different pictures—how *she* would have made them and how not.

Glancing at the clock, she is surprised to find that she has spent four hours at this work; she does not regret it, however, and on retiring thinks how best she may relate what she has read at the next five o'clock tea, which is to come off the following day at the residence of Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt.

T. H. Munroe, '98.

WHITTIER.

The pure, true life of the Quaker poet shines through his poetry, inspiring respect and admiration on even a short acquaintance with his verse. One of his greatest charms lies in the quality of sympathy and helpfulness toward all the busy workers in life. These he never slighted, nor disdained to acknowledge in some of his finest poems, "The Songs of Labor". In the dedication of these he says:

"So haply these, my simple lays
Of homely toil, may serve to show,"

The unsung beauty hid life's common things below. Indeed, he did write much of "unsung beauty", nor did he need to travel in far lands to find fit subjects for his genius. He held that

"The beauty which old Greece and Rome
Sung, painted, wrought, lies close at home.
We need but eye and ear
The hymns of gods to hear."

Although not a poet of nature, like Bryant or Wordsworth, yet what he did write of "flower and field" is of great merit, as one who reads "The Last Walk in Autumn" will see. In these poems can be noticed the home loving nature of the man, revealed in descriptions of the Merrimac river and scenery about his home. Through all his verses, where it is possible, runs an afterthought of religious sentiment.

Yet not always do we read Whittier as the "man of peace"; some of his utterances are worthy the most eloquent partisan. In the poem "Ichabod" he flings a scathing rebuke at Webster, and many other leaders of the times felt the power of his stern sense of justice. His greatest work, the anti-slavery poems, "Voices of Freedom" are almost "written heart-beats." Never were the wrongs of slavery more ably championed, and in prose as well as the editor of a leading anti-slavery paper and by many essays he fought nobly and fearlessly for the right. Whenever a worthy object presented itself his pen was ready. His miscellaneous poems are a volume in themselves and especially fine are his tributes to friends, as one to the memory of Wordsworth, in which he generously calls him

"The impulse of the sweetest lays
Our Saxon tongue has ever known."

It seems true that we know comparatively little of this New England poet, who should be ours most distinctively. Everyone should read "Snow Bound", his masterpiece, at least, and, having done so, it is not likely that the "Tent on the Beach" will be slighted. If one does not like poetry, surely he will not refuse the friendship of this great-hearted, gifted man, whose life was ordered by

"A reverence for the pure and holy,
The dear delight of doing good."

THE VALUE OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION.

No one perhaps who attends college has ever escaped the question, "What do you intend to make of yourself?" We allow it to be a legitimate question, yet we believe that the college education ought not to be limited to those who intend to follow professional careers. Yet time and time again a college

man is confronted with the question, "What is the use of your going to college when you are not going to take up any profession?"

Our nation is using every means to make its systems of education within the reach of all, especially the poorer class. Does it not stand in hand for those who can afford to attend college to embrace the opportunity? For if the United States favors universal education and opportunities are open for those who have means, and there are also provisions made whereby those who have not the means can attend college if such is their desire, should they not take this opportunity and make the most of it whether they intend to enter a profession or not?

If men who intend to take up the ministry or become lawyers and physicians should take up a college course in order to have broader minds, then the business man, the farmer and the mechanic should take up the same course for a like purpose. The requirements for a successful man are becoming more rigid. The farmer, in his desire of making a living, finds that muscular strength is not the only thing that is required. He may be endowed with the strength of a Samson, yet if he has not the skill to carry on his financial part in a business way, he fails. Many farmers are becoming discontented with merely making their farms a means of acquiring wealth, but are making them places of investigation and at the same time pleasant homes. This illustration is *e pluribus unum*. We do not mean to say that a man in order to carry on affairs in a business way and know the many technical facts about his occupation must attend college. But it is a fact, and one which the coming century will demonstrate, that a college education fosters and reveals the many qualities which are secreted within every man. It gives that fulness of development on all sides of his nature which is essential to every successful man.

REVERIES.

The sun was shining exceptionally bright, the atmosphere was calm and serene and save for a gentle breeze that whistled as it made its way through the leafless trees, the air held a solemn stillness. The place betokened seclusion; a safe retreat for the poet, rescued as it were from the torrent flow of hustle and bustle; a calm resort for pensiveness and thought. In this cool, sequestered spot I took my rest; the precincts and surroundings caused my poetic element to burst forth into a flow of thought, blended with silent music. I thought how beautiful nature seemed and how grand the works of God, but that fire of admiration was quenched by remorse and indignation when I thought how little they were appreciated. The brook that flowed silently at my feet seemed to proclaim in its hurry the importance of its course; it seemed to eddy and whirl and finally roll on forever. The birds that twittered in unison their melodies above my head all seemed to be in a hurry, and I immediately thought how busy this world was; and, comparing this trivial scene to the more weighty doings of the world, every one and everything seemed in a hurry, and all to meet and fall into the abyss of eternity.

The minutes fly and with them the momentary doings of today; hours wander away and carry with them the changes of life; the days go by and bear away on their golden wings the pleasures and sorrows of life; the nights, arrayed in their sable splendor, arrive, and with them depart the dreams of a sleepy land. The months have no sooner come but they are gone, and with them disappear the characteristics of a noble or ignoble life. Years roll by and with them are imprinted on the leaves of time the adventures of a distracted world. Centuries come and go, bearing with them the unobserved changes of a life time, be they mystical or known. Generation succeeds generation and the one hands down to the other its characteristics and customs. They find imbedded in the hearts and minds of men the events which their forefathers and tradition have handed down to them. They view with scrutiny the past and turn with perverseness to the future. And so the world rolls on, until time will come to an end and everything will sink into oblivion. '98.

Obituary.

'49. President Martin H. Freeman,

LIBERIA COLLEGE, WEST AFRICA.

At the request of Pres. J. E. Rankin, '48, Paulus Moort, rector of Trinity church, Liberia, West Africa, writes a sketch of the life of Martin H. Freeman, late president of Liberia college of that republic. Mr. Moort first met him in 1871 and says that it was through Pres. Freeman's sympathy and patriotic feeling for Liberia that he learned to appreciate it as a negro sovereignty.

Prof. Freeman was not so well known as a scholar or orator as were many of his colleagues, but he was an excellent teacher. As such, he was most constant in the class-room; went to classes earlier and left later than any of the others. He was much interested in the library and in everything relating to the college, and his attitude toward the students was always very friendly, though he was very strict. He was equally interested in church work and filled various positions, as lay-reader, vestryman and Sunday-school superintendent.

The name of Prof. Freeman is a household word for usefulness in Liberia and he was revered by all. He was not only active himself, but his family and his domestics were urged to be the same. Although he had strong political views, his college duties were always foremost, and so he never appeared as a leader in politics. Mr. Moort says he might have made a comfortable living in the United States, but he always said he would prefer dying a pauper in Liberia under negro rule rather than living in the United States in luxury under the ostracism suffered by the black man; yet he was never hostile to any white man, for he was most kind and hospitable to all races, but he believed that the negro was a man and ought to be treated as such. President Freeman remained in Liberia until his death, and his whole life was one of usefulness, advising and planning by which young men and women could better fit themselves for work in that country. Mr. Moort regards him as a benefactor of his race, a patriot and a man whose qualities of mind and heart would have made him prominent in any community. His widow and son are at present in Pittsburgh, Penn.

President Rankin adds that he first met President Freeman at President Labaree's, when both were boys, and that then and there his chivalry for the Afro-American race began.

Communication.

To the Editors of the Undergraduate:

Punctuality being one of the special requirements of college, ought not every means to be employed to accomplish this end? The fact that the marking system has been established to require the attendance of students is well realized. Yet we feel that it is a useless undertaking to keep our time with that of the janitor. Would not a clock placed over the inside chapel door be of great advantage to the college? Can we not hope to see one there at the beginning of our next college year?

Alumni News.

[*At a meeting of the Associated Alumni, Commencement, '91, it was unanimously resolved: "That we heartily endorse* The Undergraduate *and warmly recommend it to the Alumni as a valuable means for furthering our common interests in the college and our interests in each other." We respectfully solicit your subscriptions and contributions. Class-histories, reminiscences, obituaries, biographies, literary articles, and papers upon current topics are always in order and desired.*]

'36. On the evening of March 15, '95, the Madison Literary Club of Madison, Wis., did honor to the patriarch of the association, Dr. James D. Butler, by celebrating the eightieth anniversary of his birth. The gathering, which was at the home of Pres. and Mrs. C. K. Adams, was attended by many outside the club, including Gov. and Mrs. Upham. Dr. J. W. Stearns, president of the club, and others paid tributes of scholarly ability and expressed the love and respect in which he is held. Dr. Butler responded happily, saying that few were thus permitted to enjoy the events of their own funerals. Dr. Butler was presented with a handsome silver cup, suitably inscribed, as a token of their regard. At the request of a certain editor, Dr. Butler writes a very interesting account of his life. He says that this anniversary calls back the remembrance of many others. One occurred while he was traveling in Italy, another when in Palestine and still another while in Athens. Dr. Butler was born in Rutland, Vt., and after graduating at Middlebury he entered Andover Theological Seminary. Of his class of twenty-eight at Middlebury only four are living, and out of twenty-eight at Andover only three survive. He has taught seventeen years, four in Vermont, at Middlebury and Norwich, four at Wabash in Indiana and nine at the University of Wisconsin. He also preached seven years in Vermont, Massachusetts and Ohio, but a great part of his life has been spent abroad. In 1842 he first crossed the ocean and, after a taste of student life at Jena visited Italy, France, Switzerland and Great Britain. Since then he has traveled in Spain, Holland, Belgium, Russia, Turkey, Greece, Palestine and Egypt, some of them three or four times over. He has also seen Malta, Sicily, Mexico, the West Indies, the Sandwich Islands and all of our forty-four States. Five years

ago he was in China, touching at India and Ceylon on his return. Truly, the life of this veteran traveler and scholar is one to be envied, and it is to be regretted that a more extended biography cannot be published in the UNDERGRADUATE. We hope that Dr. Butler may live to see many more such happy anniversaries.

'52. J. O. Haven of Big Lake, Minn., has recently become a subscriber to the UNDERGRADUATE. He is in the general merchandise business.

'63. W. B. Smith presided at a recent annual meeting and banquet of the Central New York Alumni association held at Syracuse.

'64. President Brainerd preached at the Congregational church at Ludlow April 7.

'67, '75, '90. James M. Slade, C. M. Wilds and Messrs. F. H. and W. H. Button represented Middlebury at the banquet given in Burlington by the Ver mont Bar as ociation in celebration of the semi-centennial of the admission to the bar of Hon. E. R. Hard and Hon. T. E. Wales of that city.

'70. The local newspaper at Dwight, Ill., says that Rev. E. F. Wright is doing splendid work there. The church indebtedness is nearly paid off, the audiences are large, young people being especially attracted, and the church is greatly encouraged. Mr. Wright is a staunch supporter of the Keeley treatment as a cure for drunkenness, and the *Banner of Gold* (Chicago) reprints a strong article of his which was published in the Marengo (Ill) *Republican*. It was evidently written to refute certain statements made by Dwight citizens that the Keeley Institute there does not cure. He says, among other things, that Dr. Keeley does cure and that if a patient will follow instructions the cure is permanent. If a former inebriate returns to his evil habits, he says it is his own fault and not Dr. Keeley's; and in such a cases likens Dr. Keeley to any other physician who cannot hope to effect a cure of any disease unless his instructions are obeyed.

'77. Among other nominations made at the executive session of the board of aldermen at Hartford, Conn., W. I. Twitchell was appointed park board for six years. Mr. Twitchell is principal of the Arsenal school, which position he has held since 1882.

'81. James Clarence Harvey has a poem in the March number of the New York *Independent*, entitled "Mutation.".

'81. Rev. J. Levi Barton, who lectured here during the winter, has been secured to address the alumni at Commencement. Mr. Barton is also to speak at the thirty-first national convention of the Young Men's Christian associations of North America on May 10 at Springfield, Mass.

'88. Rev. E. J. Klock of the Congregational church at Niagara Falls is going to Europe this summer to enjoy a two months' tour. He will sail from New York on July 6.

'91. Prof. Ernest Bryant of the college was married to Sarah Blossom Palmer, '90, at the bride's father's, Rev. A. DeF. Palmer of Plaistow, N. H. They arrived at Middlebury April 3.

'92. *The News* of St. Regis Falls, N. Y., publishes an interesting article on a prize speaking contest held at Weld's Hall by the pupils of the academy, of which Mr. McDonald is principal. The paper speaks in the highest terms of the good management exercised by him.

'93. Rev. Gilbert E. Cady was married to Lillace H. Meader March 27, at the home of the bride's parents in Bristol. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. J. Kunz, with Minnie Drake of New Haven and Wm. H. Eldridge of East Middlebury as bridesmaid and groomsman. The happy couple received many valuable presents from friends and relatives and have the best wishes of a large circle of acquaintances.

'93. Ben. C. Miner recently spent a few days at his home in New Haven.

'93. P. G. Ross is teaching at the Perry Business College in Rutland. He is a member of the base ball team there.

'93. E. R. Brown is to be in town Commencement time.

'94. Stanton S. Eddy, who is in attendance at the Medical school in Burlington, is playing with the Y. M. C. A. base ball team there.

'94. A. A. Sargent is expected to be in town during Commencement week.

Town and Campus.

Bristol, '98, spent Easter at home.

Miss Ross, '95, spent Easter at home.

Russell, '97, is teaching at Brooksville.

Miss Roseman went to Bristol April 27th.

The tennis courts are now in readiness for playing.

Soda fountains in town open up this week.

Barlow, '95, went to Burlington April 25th.

Thomas, ex-'93, recently sang at New Haven.

Fullam, '95, was visited by his father recently.

The trailing arbutus has put in its appearance.

Dunton, 98, spent Easter at his home in Rutland.

Prof. Sanford took a New York trip during the vacation.

Miss Janes, '97, spent Fast-day at her home in St. Albans.

A sugar party was held in the Congregational vestry April 3.

Eldridge, '95, acted as best man at the marriage of Cady, '93.

Edgerton. '96, was ill a few days at the beginning of the term.

Roscoe, '96, sang in the musicale given at New Haven recently.

Jackson sends laundry both to Burlington and Brandon now.

Parkhurst, '97, took a trip to Putney and vicinity during vacation.

LaFleur, '94, is local agent for the American School Book company.

The Alpha Chi fraternity gave a reception to the faculty the 16th.

Miss Etta Eells visited college with Miss Hawley the first of April.

Janitor Bean's son, Harley, is assistant janitor at the High School.

Brown, '98, has gone to his home for a few days on account of sickness.

Smith & Piper are the local agents of five or six different bicycle firms.

Mrs. Prof. Wright and daughter are away on a visit to her relatives in Ohio.

Daniel Verder of Trinity College spent a few days recently with his sisters.

Bliss, '98, preached at East Middlebury the 21st and at Bridport the 28th.

Leonard, '95, has been transferred by the Methodist conference to Ripton.

Munroe, '96, attended the Junior promenade given by the Juniors at U. V. M.

Williamson, '96, has given up his position as organist at the Episcopal church.

Miss Towle, '97, spent the Easter vacation at Brattleboro with Miss Allen, '98.

Rice, '98, played with the Rutland High School against the Bristol April 27th.

Moore and Lamson, '96, went to Vergennes the 26th on *Kaleidoscope* business.

W. O. Sanford, late clerk at Bond Bros., has purchased the old Earl drug store.

Mrs. Henckels and children have returned from their five weeks' stay in Syracuse.

The Baptist church has given a call to Rev. Mr. Lyman, who was here some time ago.

Dorsey, ex-'95, is teaching in Ludlow in the grade where Hayden, '95, taught last year.

Prof. Wright has been kept from his classes for several days recently on account of illness.

The Freshmen are having debates this spring in place of the text-book on Rhetoric.

Prof. Howard has been conducting Prof. Wright's '98 class during Prof. Wright's illness.

Wooster, '95, Roscoe, '96, Hinman and Jordan, '98, are boarding at Sanford's on Weybridge street.

Riggs, Halnon and Williamson assisted in the Episcopal minstrel performance the 17th and 18th.

Miss Katharine Cummings returned from New York to her position at Mr. Clay's the first of April.

Davis, '96, postmaster at Mendon, was recently called there on business relating to his position.

Miss Dunbar, '97, and Miss Dunbar, '98, spent their Easter vacation with their grandfather in Ludlow.

Wilson, ex-'95, visited the college a few days since, before taking his departure for the Pacific coast.

Pres. Brainerd and daughter, Miss Brainerd, '95, spent the March vacation in Boston and vicinity.

There was no service at the Methodist church April 21 on account of the pastor's absence at conference.

Mr. W. L. Wasson, formerly of '95, is playing ball this season with the professional team at Elmira, N. Y.

Brown, '97, attended the New England Y. M. C. A. presidents' meeting held at Williams college April 25–28.

The college fraternity boat houses were submerged during the recent flood. No extensive damage was done.

A large number of the students have availed them-

selves of the spring days to walk to Beldens to see the high water.

Mrs. Wm. Verbeck of Manlius, N. Y., and Dr. Juliette E. Hatchette, Syracuse, N. Y., are visiting at Prof. Henckels'.

Prof. Sanford, March 25, delivered at Bridgeport, Conn., before the Scientia club an illustrated address concerning Pompeii

B. E. Marshall, '95, as a delegate, attended the 54th annual convention of the Chi Psi Fraternity held at Atlanta, Ga., April 2.

Lamson, '96, is preaching both at Panton and at Addison. He drives from here Sunday morning, making a thirty five mile trip.

Prof. McGilton acted as one of the judges at the prize speaking at the Rutland Institute, and made the presentation speech to the winners.

The Boston paper which printed a fabrication which provided for the consolidation of our three Vermont colleges, could hardly have been well informed.

The bicycle craze has struck Middlebury with great force and there is a large number of new wheels in town, but as yet very few of the students have invested.

Jackson, the artist, went to Bristol with Aunt Jerusha Dow and her album 26th ult. The bride and groom fell out during his description. It made a great hit.

Prof. Sanford has an interesting article in the *New England Magazine* on "Germany's Tribute to Arminius". It tells of the life of Arminius and of the monument erected to his memory by the German government.

The Easter services at the various churches were appropriate to the season. A concert was held in the evening at the Methodist, and special Easter music was rendered at both the Episcopal and Congregational churches.

The class of '95 has secured the Albion quartette of Boston, Mass., to sing at their commencement concert, June 26. This quartette is managed and conducted by Mr. Geo. H. Remele of the class of '72, who is well known to the people of Middlebury and vicinity.

The Chi Psis and their lady friends spent the evening of April 12 at the home of one of their number, George Wright, in Weybridge. A very delightful time was enjoyed and one long to be remembered. After a collation, maple sugar was served in its various forms and also fruit. At a late hour the party returned to Middlebury, regretting that the social evening was so quickly over.

Prof. Eaton has the sympathy of the college and the townspeople in the death of his mother, Mrs. Louisa Eaton. She was the widow of James S. Eaton, author of several mathematical works and for almost twenty years a teacher in Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass. She died at Fall River, March 29, aged 77 years. She left three children, Prof. Eaton, G. T. Eaton, a teacher at Phillips Academy, and Mrs. A. J. Abbe of Fall River.

JUNIOR EXHIBITION.

The annual exhibition occurred at the town hall Tuesday evening, March 26. The music for the exercises and the hop following was provided by the Howard Opera House orchestra of Burlington. Twelve members of the class—eight men and four women—were chosen by a committee of three, such choice being on the merits of the orations and essays. The following was the programme:

Overture, King of Diamonds
Orchestra.
Oration, Obstacles the Mother of Success
Frank Wilson Davis, Mendon.
Oration, A New Era
Charles Edward Fitzpatrick, Middlebury,
Essay, Individuality
Ava Lillian Hawley, Middlebury.
Oration, Our Relations to Our Fellows
Guy Caleb Lamson, Brattleboro.
Selection, La Cigale
Orchestra.
Essay, Knowledge as a Factor in Civilization
Caddie Marie Swiney, Holyoke, Mass.
Oration, Napoleon and Washington
Carl Murdock Merrill, Middlebury.
Oration, A National Problem
James Moore, Amboy Center, N Y.
Essay, "All the world's a hospital and all the men and women merely patients."
Alice Florence Tyler, Townsend, Mass.
Spanish Waltz, Los Angeles
Orchestra.
Oration, The Student in Politics
Charles Andrews Munroe, Middlebury.
Essay, The Commonplace
Mabel Hastings Ware, Shelburne Falls, Mass.
Oration, The Self-Made Scholar
Charles William Prentiss, Middlebury.
Oration, The New England Man
William Bryant Wilcox, Crown Point, N Y.
Medley Overture, Seeing the Elephant
Orchestra.

The honor appointments, of equal rank, were given on the programme as follows: David Henry Blossom of Middlebury, Cora Agnes Brock of Wells River, Earle Bradford Edgerton of Rutland, Ava Lillian Hawley of Middlebury, James Moore of Amboy Center, N. Y., Mary Orenda Pollard of Ludlow,

Charles Wi liam Prentiss of Middlebury, Albert Chamberlain Wales of Milton, Mass., William Bryant Wilcox of Crown Point, N Y.

The dance was attended by a pleasant company and was highly enjoyed.

REV. G. W. PERRY'S LECTURE.

Friday evening, May 3, the lecture course of the year was concluded by Rev. G. W. Perry of Rutland, who carried his audience with him on a visit to Petra, the "Enchanted City of Arabia". Beginning the lecture with a reference to the Pyramids, the speaker gave evidence of the fact that much of Egypt's ancient glory and knowledge, scientific, relating to art, architectural and general, was obtained from the still older nation of Arabia The description of the journey to the city included a general outl ne of the route, an explanation of points of interest and information in regard to the peculiar customs of the people. The various views shown at this part of the lecture revealed grand scenery, a wonderful bit of nice const uction in the Arabic Sphinx; also the people of the country, from the chief to the shepherd boy in their picturesque costumes. The first pictured glimpse of Petra shown was among the best of the views, which were uniformly fine. Through a long, dark crevasse, cov ered by an arch three hundred feet above the roadway, glistened the stately temple of Khuzneh, carved out of solid rock, to whose brilliant hues, mellowed by the distance, the reflected sunlight gave a fairy like beauty. The carved ornamentation of the temple seemed even delicately beautiful, yet preserving har mony in proportion. A nearer view showed the ma terial to be similar in structure to that of Potsdam sandstone. The richer and more numerous hues of the former, however, appeared in the views.

Among the many views presented were those of the theatre, having seating capacity for two thousand people, the View Magnificent, the Corinthian Temple, the Temple of the Latin Inscription, the Deir, and that of the cliff, towering seven hundred feet almost perpendicularly in the air, having tombs, temples and dwellings built far up on its side. Each successive illustration furnished additional evidence that Petra has rightfully been named "The Enchanted City" of Arabia.

Four hundred of the three thousand Harvard students are engaged in athletics.

Athletics.

BASE-BALL.

As summer draws near the prospects of the ball team are a source of much interest and conjecture to both alumni and undergraduates, and it is with pleasure that we see that Midd. will again send out a team which will undoubtedly be able to compete successfully with the nines of larger colleges. With eight of last year's team practicing and with the additional strength which the new candidates furnish, a team should be pro uced which will furnish good team work. The diamond has been rolled and is now in very fair shape to allow good hard practice by the nine. Adams, '95, who is captain, has been coaching the candidates up to the required condition and has been assisted in this work by Prof. Bryant.

Manager Lamson has had good success in securing dates and is still negotiating for more games. The following games have been arranged for:

May 4—Westport at Middlebury.
10—Burlington Y. M. C. A. at Middlebury.
13—Ridgefield at Albany, N. Y.
14—Union at Schenectady, N. Y.
17—Hamilton at Clinton, N. Y.
18—Colgate at Hamilton, N. Y.
25—Westport at Westport, N. Y.
28—Cuban Giants at Middlebury.
30—Vt. Methodist Seminary at Montpelier.
31—Goddard at Barre.
June 1—Norwich University at Northfield.
8—Y. M. C. A. at Burlington.
10—Worcester Polytechnic Inst. at Middlebury.
18—Murray Hill at Middlebury.

Negotiations are in progress with Williams, Troy Polytechnic Institute, Troy Laureates, Rome, N. Y., Fort Plain, Syracuse and Bristol.

Three games have been played this year; the first was played Saturday, April 20, by the Regulars vs. Reserves.

Regulars.	Position.	Reserves.
Grant,	Catcher,	Goodman.
Parkhurst,	Pitcher,	Adams. / T. Wells.
Blossom,	1st base,	Cadwell.
Foster,	2d base,	Cady.
Williams,	3d base,	T. Wells. / Adams.
Ross,	Short stop,	Jordan.

Regulars.	Position.	Reserves.
Rice,	Left field,	Seely.
H. Wells,	Centre field,	Skeels.
Hubbard,	Right field,	Kimball.

The Reserves won easily by the score 10 to 8. The fielding was very poor at times and neither side batted heavily.

Friday, April 26, the Freshmen defeated the Juniors in a very exc ting game, the score being 9 to 8. The Juniors had the game well in hand until the eighth inning, when several errors, together with some good batting by the '98 men, won the game for the latter. The batteries were, for '96, Lamson and Goodman; for '98, Wells and Skeels.

The second practice game was played April 27. The teams this time were:

Regulars.	Position.	Reserves.
Grant,	Catcher,	Goodman.
Adams,	Pitcher,	Parkhurst.
Hubbard,	1st base,	Cadwell.
Foster,	2d base,	Cady.
Dunton,	3d base,	T. Wells.
Ross,	Short stop,	Jord n.
Roscoe,	Left field,	Seely.
Skeels,	Centre field,	H. Wells.
Williams,	Right field,	Kimball.

This was a much better game than the other, both fielding and batting being better. The Reserves won 14 to 6. Neither of the pitchers exerted themselves and the fielders were given many chances.

Exchanges.

An excellent article appears in the April *Laurentian*, entitled, "The Bible as Literature".

The University Cynic has been having a very interesting discussion in its editorial columns on compulsory chapel attendance.

The Colby Echo of April 13 devotes its entire space to the reports of the Young Men's and the Young Women's Christian associations.

The Wesleyan Argus of April 9 has some very pleasing illustrations of their president, some of the college buildings and the Glee and Mandolin clubs.

The Minnesota Magazine, a new literary monthly, has recently come to us. It is published by a board of editors chosen from the Senior class and contains much of literary merit.

The Wesleyan Argus of March 26 has an article entitled, "The College Man in Journalism", which is very much to the point, and which it would be well for many of the editors of the college papers to peruse.

The Lombard Review for April has an editorial touching upon the material and arrangement for a college paper, which has our hearty approval. *The Hesperian* of March 25 also has a contribution which covers the same ground, yet which in some features we think is at fault.

Several of our exchanges, *The Tuftonian*, *The Adelphian* and *The Bates Student*, among others, are printing one or more original stories in each issue. Such literary effort is as fitting for the literary columns of a college or school paper as are the reviews of standard authors or of general literature, and we only wish there may be more of them.

Speaking of foot ball, *The Bowdoin Orient* offers the following:

"The Harvard authorities may stick to their decision, but it is doubtful if any other effect is seen on the foot ball situation next fall than that Harvard may escape the usual humiliation of one or two great defeats. It will continue to be the great fall game among the colleges, and long-haired students will continue to win glory on the gridiron field as well as in the class room.

"The game has the almost unanimous support of all who are acquainted with it or who have played it, and others have little right to condemn. Bowdoin will go into next fall's campaign with more enthusiasm than ever and expects to add much to the good record it has already made in this manly branch of athletics".

Exchange Clippings.

A CHEMICAL ROMANCE.

Said Atom unto M·le Cule
"Will you unite with me"?
And Mole Cule did quick retort,
"There's no affinity."

Beneath electric light p'ant's shade,
Poor Atom hoped he'd meet her,
But she eloped with a rascal Base
And her name is now Saltpetre.

—*Ex.*

A SOLILOQUY.

Nothing but a test,
Yet what consternation;
Wish I'd done my best
Every recitation.

Crib? Of course I couldn't
Think of such a thing.
Cram? Of course I wouldn't;
Don't feel well in spring.

Flunk? I'll take my chances—
Do the best I can;
If I fail I'll study
Like a little man.

A SOLILOQUY (CON.)

Prof. was "kind" and "thoughtful",
Asked just what I knew.
I correctly answered
Questions, "just a few."

Chance, or luck, or something
Made me just pull through,
I again will never
Get thus "in the stew."

—*Bates Student.*

College Notes.

Syracuse has a new grand stand.

Columbia has eighteen college publications.

Cornell goes back to the examination system next term.

Stewart, U. V. M. '93, has been coaching the Wesleyan base ball team.

The *Onondagan* of Syracuse University will soon be out. It will contain 250 pages.

There is a fraternity at the University of Michigan which admits both sexes to membership.

A student of the University of Nebraska has been arrested for stealing mineral specimens from the University.

A chapter of Kappa Sigma has recently been established at Bowdoin. There are six other fraternities there.

At Princeton season tickets will be sold for $5, admitting the holder to all the games played on the University grounds.

London expects to have a university which will rival Oxford and Cambridge. All the preliminary arrangements are completed.

It is said that a college graduate's chances of becoming eminent are 250 to 1 as compared with those of a person not so educated.

The college papers of Kansas are investigating a charge of plagiarism brought against one of the speakers in the Kansas State debate.

An article on "German Universities" in the Adelbert periodical gives one a good idea of how our German cousins get their education.

The now compulsory chapel regulations at Syracuse are reported to be a success. The attendance, instead of growing less, has appreciably increased.

The editors of the *Haverfordian*, Haverford college, are inquiring of various college papers how much credit the editors are given for their work on the paper.

The Harvard Freshman base ball team are to play sixteen games, ten of which will be on the home grounds. They have a training table from May 1 out.

The athletic council of Cornell has decided to have two crews next year. One will go to England and enter the Henley regatta, and the other will row the University of Pennsylvania.

The Wesleyan annual, *The Olla Podrida*, is out, and is said to be remarkably good. The grinds are where they should be—absent, and *The Argus* hopes they may never be resurrected.

The joint committee of faculty and students at Syracuse who were appointed to draw up a set of resolutions against cribbing have submitted the amended report and the student body has voted to accept it.

Prof. C. K Adams of the University of Wisconsin, in speaking of foot-ball, says: "If you trace the antagonism to foot ball, you will find that it is most intense where the person criticising the sport knows the least about it".

The University of Vermont, in their April trip, played eleven games with various college teams, among which were Fordham, Columbian University, Georgetown, University of North Carolina, Trinity, Durham, University of Virginia and Princeton, and did not succeed in winning a game.

PETTIFOGGING LAW-SCHOOLS.

It has been said of the American law-schools that "they are the weakest and therefore the worst to be found in any civilized country". Broadly speaking, taking out some half dozen notable exceptions, this statement cannot be denied. In Europe professional training is in general the culmination of university education. It is not so in America. It is here rather

a "practical short-cut" by which uneducated or ineducable men are helped to the rewards of knowledge and skill with the least possible loss of time. Instead of trained professors who make the methods of investigation and instruction in law the work of a life-time, we find in most of our law-schools lawyers who have turned incidentally to teaching, with no knowledge of the methods by which teaching may be made effective. Some of them are young men who have not yet found anything more serious to do. But usually the chairs of law are occupied by broken down lawyers, released from active practice—old men who read old lectures to audiences inattentive or occupied with newspapers, or who conduct a lifeless quiz from lifeless text books. It is thus true, as President Eliot has said, that into an American law-school any man "can walk from the street". But in most of the States he can do better or worse than this. From the street he can walk directly into the profession of law, disregarding even the formulæ of matriculation or graduation. Even the existence of the law school is a concession to educational tradition. It is possible with us to enter any one of the "learned professions" with no learning whatsoever. In fact, in many of our States, it requires no more preparation to be admitted to the bar than to be admitted to the saw-buck. Fortunately, admission to either on these terms carries with it no prestige or social elevation whatever. But the danger in the one case is greater than in the other. The inefficient lawyer may work the ruin of interests entrusted to him. The ignorant physician is more dangerous than the plague. The incompetent wood-sawyer harms only the wood-pile. A large part of our criminal records is devoted to legal and medical mal practice. In other words, our bulk of crime is swollen by robbery and murder committed under the guise of professional assistance. When the professions cease to be open wide to adventurers and thieves they will rise to something of their traditional dignity.—*David Starr Jordan in the May Forum.*

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